

Authorizing The Formation Of A Special Committee To Provide Additional Oversight on Capital Project No. 494, Business Resource Center Renovations To Accommodate Family Court

Referred to: The Public Works and Capital Projects Committee (Chairman Fabiano and Legislators Greene, Litts, Loughran, and Maloney), and The Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Gerentine and Legislators Allen, Bartels, Belfiglio, Briggs, Maio, and Maloney)

Chairman Kenneth J. Ronk, Jr. and Legislators Fabiano, Loughran, Litts, and Maloney offer the following:

WHEREAS, the County of Ulster leases and controls certain property known as the Ulster County Family Court Center, which is no longer sufficient for the operations of the three Family Court Justices; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 287, adopted on June 21, 2016, the Ulster County Legislature selected a new site for Family Court, the Business Resource Center (BRC) located at 1 Development Court, Town of Ulster, County of Ulster, State of New York, and designated as SBL No.: 48.66-1-6; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature determined that a proposition for the approval of the removal of the Family Court, now situated in the City of Kingston, to the BRC in Town of Ulster be put before the qualified electors of the County at the November 8, 2016 general election; and

WHEREAS, said proposition was approved by the qualified electors of Ulster County at the November 8, 2016 general election; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 6 dated January 10, 2017, the Ulster County Legislature established Capital Project No. 494 for the Family Court Renovation Project at the Business Resource Center; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 7 dated January 10, 2017, the Ulster County Legislature authorized the issuance of \$1,260,000.00 serial bonds for certain design and construction management services for this renovation project; and

WHEREAS, the costs of pre-planning, planning, renovation and relocation of the current Ulster County Family Center is expected to exceed \$10,000,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature deems this large capital project worthy of additional oversight in order to provide reassurance to the taxpayers of Ulster County; and

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WHEREAS, pursuant to § C-11. Powers and duties of Legislature. And Section A2-5 (11) of the Administrative Code, the Legislature is empowered “To conduct studies and investigations in furtherance of its legislative functions and, in connection therewith, to obtain and employ professional and technical advice, appoint citizens' committees, commissions and boards, subpoena witnesses, administer oaths, and require the production of books, papers and other evidence deemed necessary or material to such studies or investigations.”; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section C-16 of the Ulster County Charter and Section A2-11 of the Administrative Code: “Members of all citizens' committees, commissions and boards appointed pursuant to § C-11K of this Charter shall serve at the pleasure of the County Legislature. They shall serve without compensation other than for actual and necessary expenses within appropriations made therefor, unless otherwise provided by resolution of the County Legislature. The Chairman of the County Legislature shall be a member ex officio of all such committees, commissions and boards;” and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ulster County Charter Section C-47, “The Director of Planning and/or the County Planning Board shall perform such other and related duties as required by the County Executive or County Legislature,” now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Special Committee to Oversee the Ulster County Family Court Relocation is hereby created for the general oversight of Capital Project No. 494; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the membership of the Special Committee to Oversee the Ulster County Family Court Relocation shall include five members of the Legislature as follows:

- One Legislator, appointed by the Chairman of the Legislature, who shall serve as Chairman of the Special Committee
- The Chair of the Ulster County Legislature’s Ways and Means Committee
- One Ways and Means Committee Member appointed by the Minority Leader
- The Chair of the Ulster County Legislature’s Public Works and Capital Projects Committee
- One Public Works and Capital Projects Committee Member appointed by the Minority Leader;

and be it further

